



# *2009 Healthy Forest Reserve Program*

## **HFRP**

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*The 2009 Oregon HFRP signup is open from  
**April 6 until April 30, 2009**  
for lands in Oregon's Lane, Coos, Douglas,  
Josephine, Curry and Jackson Counties.*

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### **OVERVIEW**

The Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to:

1. Promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species,
2. Improve biodiversity; and
3. Enhance carbon sequestration.

HFRP is offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

### **BENEFITS**

Restoring and protecting forests contributes positively to the economy of our nation, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and improves environmental quality.

Landowner Protections will be made available to landowners enrolled in the HFRP who agree, for a specified period, to restore or improve their land for threatened or endangered species habitat. In exchange, they avoid future regulatory restrictions on the use of that land protected under the Endangered Species Act.

In Oregon, the focus of HFRP is to help landowners manage their land for sustainable, profitable timber harvests while securing long-term protection from regulatory restrictions protecting the endangered Northern Spotted Owl under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Through HFRP, landowners may apply for financial assistance. After developing a Forest Stewardship Plan, program participants receive funding to implement selected forest management activities, such as thinning, tree planting and stream buffers.

### **ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**

In Oregon, landowners may choose to participate in HFRP through one of two enrollment options: a 10-year restoration agreement or a permanent easement.

#### *10-Year HFRP Restoration Agreement:*

Program participants develop a Forest Stewardship Plan to manage the land for sustainable timber harvests and Northern Spotted Owl habitat and receive 50 percent of the cost of selected conservation practices. With HFRP, the landowners continue harvests as described in the Forest Stew-

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ardship Plan. They also receive protection from ESA regulations related to the Northern Spotted Owl. The landowners retain ESA protections into the future, as long as the Stewardship Plan is followed.

#### *HFRP Permanent Easement:*

With a permanent easement, landowners continue to manage the land for timber production while permanently maintaining the property as working forest land and Northern Spotted Owl habitat. The program pays 100 percent of the easement value and 100 percent of the cost of selected activities described in a Forest Stewardship Plan. The landowners also receive protection from ESA regulations related to the Northern Spotted Owl for as long as the Stewardship Plan is followed.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for enrollment, land must be private land or Tribal lands which will restore, enhance, or measurably increase the likelihood of recovery of a threatened or endangered species, must improve biological diversity, or increase carbon sequestration.

In Oregon, applications must meet the following specific criteria:

- The property is 40 acres or more of privately owned Douglas fir/mixed conifer forest land;
- The land includes known or potential Northern Spotted Owl habitat or provides connectivity between Coast and Cascade Range habitats;
- The landowner agrees to implement a Forest Stewardship Plan on the land; and
- The landowner intends to maintain the property as working forest land.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

HFRP information is available on the Internet at:  
<https://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/OR/programs/hfrp>.

If you need more information about HFRP, please contact the local NRCS Service Center in the counties where HFRP is available:

#### **Coos and Curry Counties**

Coquille Service Center  
382 North Central  
Coquille, Oregon 97423-1296  
Phone: (541) 396-2841

#### **Douglas and Josephine Counties**

Roseburg Service Center  
2440 NW Troost St., Suite 202  
Roseburg, Oregon 97470-2089  
Phone: (541) 673-6071

#### **Jackson County**

Medford Service Center  
573 Parsons Drive, Suite 102  
Medford Oregon 97501  
Phone: (541) 776-4267 or (541) 776-4263

#### **Lane County**

Eugene Service Center  
780 Bailey Hill Road, Suite 5  
Eugene, Oregon 97402  
Phone: (541) 465-6443

Newport NRCS Office  
23 North Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
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